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Courthouse meeting

Citizens in support of having jury trials resume at the Belle Glade County Courthouse and keeping all county services available locally, are asked to attend a meeting this morning, July 13 at 11:15 p.m. at the courthouse in the auditorium.

Football program

The City of Pahokee Recreation Department is registering participants for its football/cheerleaders program on July 17 and July 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ages are 8-15 and all participants registering must present a copy of their birth certificate. The registration fee is \$40 for football and \$50 for cheerleaders.

For more information, please call Recreation Director Ronald Osborne at 924-2972.

Program at library

The Children's Museum of Boca will present a special program on Japan at the Belle Glade Branch Library on Wednesday, July 26, at 2:30 p.m. This program is for children ages 5 and up and will include face painting, a craft and take-home activity book. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 25 participants.

For more information, or to register, please call the library at 996-3453.

Bible school

Canal Point Baptist Church will be conducting The Fantastic Good News Ocean Odyssey - Diving Into the Depths of God's Faithfulness, beginning Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each night.

There will be a class for adults from 7 to 8 p.m. The event will include Bible stories, crafts, missions, music, macks, and recreation. The public is invited to attend.

Registration

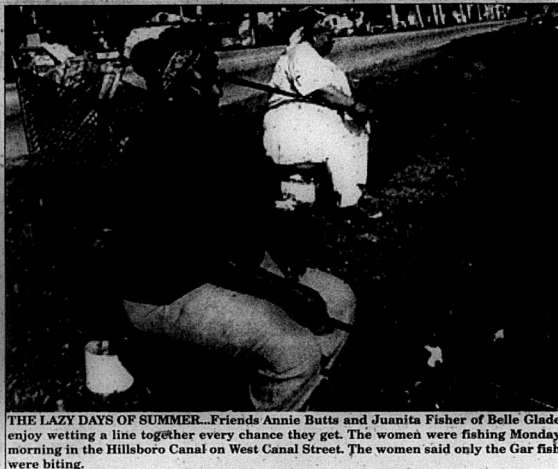
Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School will have registration for kindergarten and new students on July 19 and 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER...Friends Annie Butts and Junita Fisher of Belle Glade enjoy wetting a line together every chance they get. The women were fishing Monday morning in the Hillsboro Canal on West Canal Street. The women said only the Gar fish were biting.

Man charged with attempted murder after hitting officer with ATV

By Tracy Whirls
Associate Editor

A Belle Glade police officer was placed on administrative leave after shooting a suspect who attempted to run him down with an all-terrain vehicle July 4.

The suspect, Simon P. Mosely, 29, of Belle Glade, was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital with gunshot wounds to his pelvic area, left tricep and left shoulder. He was charged with attempted murder of a law enforcement officer, aggravated battery on a police officer and aggravated assault on a police officer.

According to a press release prepared by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Detective Tom Lapaglia, who is investigating the incident at the request of the Belle Glade PD, Officer Harold Seiler was on foot patrol in a vacant lot east of 612 SW Ave. E Tuesday at approximately 8:20 p.m. when he observed the suspect driving in a reckless manner, and popping wheelies on SW Avenue E. When the officer motioned for the suspect to stop the ATV, the suspect accelerated and ran over the officer.

Officer Seiler landed on the front of the bike and was holding onto the handlebars, as the suspect continued to accelerate and began to

drive into the traffic on SW Avenue "E."

Fearing for his life, Officer Seiler said he attempted to force the suspect to stop by discharging his duty weapon three times at the suspect.

The officer fell off the ATV and landed in the roadway. The suspect drove across the lanes of traffic and fled the scene.

The suspect abandoned the ATV on SW Third Street and was transported by family members to Glades General Hospital, then transferred via ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital where he underwent exploratory surgery.

Officer Seiler, who suffered minor abrasions from the incident, was placed on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation and review by the State Attorney's Office.

The suspect, who was also charged with an outstanding felony warrant for uttering a forgery, will be transferred to the Palm Beach County Jail following his discharge from the hospital.

Sheriff's Office officials say they are seeking any witnesses to this crime. Anyone with information can call the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at 996-1687.

Cooperative prepares foundation for new storage facility

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

The Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida has begun laying the foundation for a new storage facility to house their surplus sugar.

Bill Kramer, general manager of the Cooperative, said the new facility is being built on the west side of the cooperative, just off the road used by the cane hauling trucks.

This will be the fifth sugar warehouse for the cooperative and the first new storage facility for the cooperative in more than 20 years.

Mr. Kramer said more storage is necessary to house sugar the cooperative may have to forfeit to the

government as early as next month.

The cooperative has over 150,000 tons of sugar under government loans and some of those loans, worth an estimated \$53 million, are due in August. Others are due in September.

The warehouse will be 178,000-square-foot and will be able to hold as much as 130,000 tons of sugar.

Mr. Kramer said the facility should be finished by December. The cooperative notified the U.S. Department of Agriculture it expects to repay part of its government loans in raw sugar instead of cash.

Raw sugar prices are currently around 18 cents a pound, below the forfeiture

range of about 19 cents a pound.

"We haven't had to forfeit sugar in 15 years," said Mr. Kramer, "and possibly some of it will move in commercial channels before the loans are due."

The cooperative has begun filing the paperwork necessary to forfeit some of the sugar it has under loan, but Mr. Kramer said the process and paperwork is lengthy.

Representatives from the Commodity Credit Corporation from Kansas City will be coming soon to inspect the cooperative's storage facilities, said Mr. Kramer.

The cooperative, based in Belle Glade, is made of 56 farmers.

Five file for two seats on commission

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Qualifying hasn't even opened up for two seats on the Belle Glade City Commission, but five candidates have already filed their paperwork to contend for the seats.

City Clerk Debra Buff said both incumbents up for reelection, Harma Miller and Mary Ross Wilkerson, have filed and are already being challenged.

Filing their intention to run against Mrs. Wilkerson are Don Garrett, 56, of 708 N.E. 2nd Street and Myrna Santiago McPhee, 31, of 528 S.W. 5th Street.

Mrs. Wilkerson, 48, of 617 NW 14th St., has served one term on the city commission and is seeking a second term.

This is McPhee's first foray into politics. Mr. Garrett ran unsuccessfully two years ago for the seat currently held by Commissioner Steve Wilson.

Current mayor, Harma Miller has drawn opposition

from political newcomer Jeff Hawkins, 40, of 200 N.E. 2nd Street.

Mrs. Miller, 55, of 1241 N.W. Avenue D, is running for her sixth non-consecutive term.

Candidates interested in running for the September 12 Belle Glade City Commission can qualify beginning July 28.

The last day to qualify is August 11.

In-depth profiles of the candidates will run in *The Sun* after they qualify, beginning with the first issue in August.

Also on the Sept. 12 ballot will be a referendum asking voters if commissioners should serve four year terms, instead of the current two year terms. The Sept. 12 election will be held at the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If a candidate does not receive a majority vote and a run-off is necessary, it will be held Sept. 19.

Loxahatchee teen killed in accident

A Loxahatchee teen was dead at the scene of a two-vehicle accident on County Road 880 on Saturday.

Justin Kimble, 19, of Loxahatchee died after being ejected from the vehicle at approximately 8 p.m. A female passenger in Kimble's vehicle was airlifted to the Delray Trauma Center and the driver of the second vehicle was

transported to Glades General Hospital.

According to published reports, Kimble's car was eastbound when it entered the westbound lane and was struck by the second vehicle.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office deputies and the Florida Highway Patrol responded to the scene. The accident is still under investigation.

Skydiver injured at Pahokee Airport

By Tracy Whirls

A 49-year-old man received two broken legs Saturday after landing short of the drop zone at the Pahokee Airport while skydiving.

According to the report from Palm Beach County Sheriff's Sgt. Robert Quinones, Steven Kaluza, described as a 4'10" beginning jumper with 30 previous jumps, was skydiving with a group of other skydivers from Skydive America at the Pahokee Airport when he landed

three quarters of a mile south of the target area in an area called Jones Pump House where the ground was uneven, breaking both legs. Palm Beach County EMS responded and transported him to the Pahokee Airport where the trauma hawk responded and took him to St. Mary's Hospital where he is in stable condition.

There was no known equipment failure, according to Sgt. Quinones and the incident was recorded as accidental.

Poole receives Pioneer award

Harvey Poole Sr., of Belle Glade, was honored with the Hannain Distinguished Pioneer Award for his valuable contribution to the broadcasting industry in the United States. Mr. Poole is the longest running, continuously on-air African-American radio personality and broadcaster in the U.S., delighting and enlightening audiences since 1945. The Distinguished Pioneer award was established to honor those who have paved the way for generations of others in their particular field of expertise.

During his many years as a radio personality and broadcaster Mr. Poole has participated in almost every aspect of life in the

Glades. His far-reaching broadcasts have become well known throughout South Florida and the Bahamas. His pioneering ways also paved the way for his son, Harvey Poole, Jr., to follow in his footsteps, the junior Mr. Poole also having achieved much success in the broadcasting industry.

Chair of the Palm Beach County Commission Maude Ford Leg and Martin County Commissioner Elmira Gainey presented Mr. Poole with commendations during the Hannain Summer 2000 Investment Retreat & Conference in Delray Beach on July 11. Mr. Poole can still be heard on WSWN, Sugar 9 a.m. in the South Florida area.



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OPINION PAGE

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Women losing out

"This week I have been saddened for all the women in the world with a call of God on their life and now have been told by the Southern Baptists they will not ordain women for ministry. What I am going to share with you was taught to me by a Southern Baptist pastor in Montgomery, Alabama.

For many years I had an abuse ministry in Montgomery for women and children in churches, in apartment complexes, on television, in the County Jail and in Julia Tutwiler Prison. Every Monday afternoon I made a trip to Tutwiler along with other women led of the Lord to go. One of these ladies' husband forbade her to go for three weeks, after which time a total stranger came to their door, pulled a gun and shot him five times, killing him instantly. When Dr. Bailey heard this, his first words were "He sinned a sin unto death. He messed with God's plan."

Needless to say, I am very concerned about what is happening to women today. The bible plainly states in 1 Cor. 14:34 that women are to be silent in the church, so says the law. As Christians we are no longer bound by the Jewish Law. We live under Grace.

When we take this one step further, we read in Galatians 5 that if we are justified by the Law. There is no more Grace. In my abuse ministry I have taken pictures of battered pastors' wives with belt marks on their body. These men feel they are to enforce this letter of the law which they think God gave them permission to treat women anyway they please.

A woman who is forced to call her husband the High Priest of their home is slapping Jesus Christ in the face. Jesus is all the High Priest we need and to believe otherwise is a lie. Women can enter into the Holy of Holies without a head covering and can have a Christian ministry without any covering other than Jesus Christ. Women are called Priests and Kings in Revelation 1:6.

I have the most wonderful, loving husband in the whole world who is the best husband, father and grandfather to our family. He is not intimidated by who I am in Christ. He treats me like I believe Jesus would, if he were here on earth today. He has set me free to be all I can be for Christ."

Court system

"I'm calling to emphasize about how badly our court system works out here in Belle Glade and elsewhere in the county.

I know for a fact that some people are out there who are on probation and they are taking drugs. I have seen them myself.

But when you call the court system and try to stay anonymous and tell the probation officer what you know, they ask 'how do you know they were taking drugs?'

It's like your word against them and they want to know if you saw the person taking drugs.

It's not like you can hang around with a camera taking photos or something.

I think if someone is taking drugs and they are on probation and they violate their probation they should be required to take a drug test. Some of these people are not doing good things in our society.

I think probation officers need to review their policies and how they do things. This is unfair to the taxpayers and citizens. Thank you."

Too much sex education

"I would like to speak out about sex education. I think that there is far too much sex education is being taught in the schools, and on television kids learn to much about sex education, far more than they need to know."

In schools I think that they need to be taught like when they go on these tours to Home Depot, Job Facilities, Fire Stations, Science Museums. I think they should start taking them at early ages through the jails, and the correctional institutions, so they can see first hand what the beds are like, what the toilet necessities are like, what kind of foods they can eat and what they can't eat.

Now that they have to pay for it, it's not free. They have no freedom on what they have to pay for and what they don't have to pay for. Like sports and things. There are only three or four things that they can do. Let them see just what these people have to go through. Maybe it will cut down on crime.

I think that they are doing these things, like shooting and cutting people, because they don't understand the severity of what's going to happen.

After they have done it, they have realized that they have done something wrong, but they don't know the consequences of it, and once they have already done it, it is far too late to turn it around. Then they get judged as an adult, and they have to serve as an adult."

Some get a free ride?

"I'm a citizen of Belle Glade and my husband and I live in a house. I don't see how we could have used \$84.00 worth of water. My husband fishes all day and I work day and night.

I get behind on my water bill and they want

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"YOU SAID TO RENT A VEHICLE THAT WAS BIG ENOUGH TO SEPARATE THE KIDS SO THEY COULDN'T FIGHT ON THE TRIP."

Good samaritan or safe samaritan: It's really instinct

By Bonnie Erickson
Radford University

It's nearing midnight. You're traveling down the interstate alone and spot a car stopped on the side of the road. The hood is open and a woman with a small child in her arms is trying to wave down a passerby for help. What should you do?

"You'll be making a spur of the moment decision. There are some quick questions you'll have to ask yourself," says Radford University professor of physical and health education Martin Turnauer.

Turnauer, who lectures to students on automobile and travel safety, admits there are no set-in-stone rules for doing the right thing when it comes to being a good Samaritan on the highway. "I wish there were iron-clad facts I could give people, but I always say it's basically gut instinct." Travelers have several issues they must think about when they're out on the road alone, and many issues are the same whether it be daylight or dark, Turnauer says.

Turnauer suggests some basic things to look for when you have to make a decision: Are there other people in the car? Are there children you can see? How is the person dressed? Is the car a newer or older model? Does the person appear to be pointing at something on the car? Is the person holding anything? These questions are not meant to stereotype, Turnauer emphasizes, but to allow the motorist a quick assessment of the situation. If a woman is standing beside an older model car with a baby in her arms and it's late at night, the gut instinct would be to stop and assist. "You're the one who has to decide," Turnauer stresses.

Motorists always have the choice of bypassing a stranded traveler but stopping at the next exit to make a courtesy call. That would be helpful and safe, Turnauer says, adding since many travelers carry cell phones, they could immediately call for help.

What do you do when it's late at night and you see someone pointing to his car, perhaps indicating he may have a flat? "If it's dark, how do you know if it's really flat or how can you tell if he may have a gun in his hand?" Turnauer asks. "The best option would probably be to go on to the next exit and make a call for him. I am not sure it would be wise to stop, not knowing what may be in his hand."

Besides helping stranded travelers, motorists must also be prepared to make quick decisions when it comes to what is best for their own safety and peace of mind when traveling. Two of the biggest issues motorists must contend with are where to stop for rest breaks and what to do if they believe they're being followed and can't determine if the vehicle is an unmarked police car.

Turnauer states, "Someone traveling can't really say it's safer to stop at a rest area for a break any more. Think about some of the murders you hear about in the news that happen at rest areas." He quickly adds, "But also you must

ask is it safer to stop at a mini mart where someone could rush in and hold the place up?" Given the two scenarios, Turnauer believes the lesser of the two evils would be to stop at a market. "Pull right up to the front door in good light. That would be somewhat safer and there probably will be some other people close by." He emphasizes again that the decision is going to be a judgment call, and depends on the area being traveled.

"If you think you're being followed and question whether it's an unmarked police car, don't stop right then but don't immediately stop on the gas either. Tap your brakes and let them know you see them back there and you're not going anywhere. Proceed at the same rate of speed, don't panic, and go to the next exit. Then you can pull over." Someone who is out to harm a motorist will be less likely to make an attack in a well lit area, Turnauer says.

Turnauer also offers these safety traveling tips:

- Don't ever carry more than \$2 or \$3 cash at any time when traveling. Credit cards and check debit cards are accepted just about everywhere. There would be no reason to carry huge amounts of cash. Carrying cash is just asking for trouble.

- Winter travel naturally necessitates more preparation. "Carry a blanket in case you get stranded and must wait for help." Should you make that judgment call to stop and assist another traveler, the blanket could be useful in extreme weather conditions. Also remember umbrellas, shovels, gloves and extra outer wear.

- Unbrilliant what time of year, always carry a flashlight. Flashlights don't work without good batteries, so keep those on hand.

- If you own a cell phone, keep it with you. "People can get a cell phone and use it for 911 calls only. There's not a lot of money involved if you just use it for those type calls. It would be worth it."

- Keep something to snack on in the car. "A bag of chips or a candy bar can hold you over until help arrives." Also, snacks or sandwiches in the car cut down on the number of times the traveler has to get off the highway and stop at a market. The more prepared, the better.

- Major highways are usually safer to travel than rural roads and short-cut routes. "Sometimes there are not many people out on the side roads. If you do happen to need help, you'd be more likely to get it on a major highway."

- Keep the car doors locked, daylight or dark. It's easy for someone to jump into the passenger seat when you're at a stop sign or red light and the door is unlocked.

- Travel as much as possible during daylight. "If my students are going away, say for instance on spring break, I urge them to do as much traveling as they can during daylight. It's just safer. You're going to have a better view of what's going on."



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and they haven't turned them off! What's going on in Belle Glade?

I don't understand the City of Belle Glade. The water's bad. They pick up trash badly. They don't even read my water meter half the time. Four months out of the year they might be reading my water meter.

I got five bills saying \$74.45. I must do the same amount of laundry, take the same number of baths, I must cook at the same time.

How can that be? Something's wrong.

And, on top of that, how do they let Palm Glades get \$400,000 behind and us citizens paying \$70 and \$80, and then they want to cut you off and you have to pay late charges?

And, on top of that, South Bay owes them money. If we have to pay all these taxes so South Bay and Palm Glades can get a free ride, someone needs to do more than Speak Out, they need to holler out.

You all have a blessed day."

Glades Glen tenant

"I'm calling about the story about Glades Glen apartments. I was wondering if they can actually turn off the water and what should the tenants do?"



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Story times

The Belle Glade Branch Library will offer Summer Story Times through July 29, for ages 2-12. Pre-registration is required. Please call 996-3463 for dates, times and more information.

Adult programs at Glades Central

Glades Central Community High School will be open this summer until July 21 for Adult Education Programs. Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 524 complaints and gave 12 traffic citations the week of July 3-9. Those arrested included:

July 3 - Rafael Urquigala, 31, armed burglary to an occupied residence; Enrique Herrera, 37, failure to appear on a traffic citation; Juvenile, 17, grand theft auto; Juvenile, 16, grand theft auto; Michelle Williams, 31, burglary and grand theft; Johnny James Gooden, 33, unlawful sexual activity with a minor.

July 4 - No arrests made.

July 5 - Reginald Quimbley, 29, domestic battery.

July 6 - Leon Williams, 34, violation of probation; Ben Fields, 47, domestic battery; Wilson Philemon, 23, attempted first degree murder; Tyrone Jenkins, 43, failure to appear on charges of petty theft, violation of the open container law and sale of cocaine; Freddie Davis, 32, grand theft and resisting an officer without violence; Cassandra Gibson, 26, retail theft and resisting an officer without violence.

July 7 - Juvenile, 16, retail theft.

July 8 - Angelina Espinosa, 38, domestic assault; David Ray Thomas, 25, retail theft.

July 9 - Nedra Ward, 19, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and armed burglary to an occupied conveyance.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 9 arrests the week of July 3-9. Those arrested included:

July 3 and 4 - No arrests made.

July 5 - Darren D. Hatcher, 29, obstruction of justice; Juvenile, 17, aggravated assault and battery; Bobby L. Martinez, 32, possession of cocaine; Delano Davis, 23, possession of cocaine.

July 6 - Waymon L. Jenkins, 22, violation of the open container law; Juvenile, 14, petty theft.

July 7 - Timothy N. Wright, 40, trespassing.

July 8 - Marcus J. Calloway, 28, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Aldo Gomez, 45,

I mean, can they just stop paying rent until the water bill is paid? Can Glades Glen evict them if they don't pay their rent?

That's all I want to know."

Editor's note: I'm not an attorney and cannot give you advice on this subject except to say that Belle Glade's City Attorney, Charles Scheoch said the City can legally shut off the water to Glades Glen for non-payment. The tenants might want to begin to put pressure on Glades Glen Management Company by expressing their concerns at their local office.

Also, I mistakenly implied in last week's paper that South Bay owes the City of Belle Glade for past fire-protection response. The City of Belle Glade in the past has not had a contract with South Bay for providing the backup service, but has said if South Bay wants to continue the service in the future, they must contract, and pay for the service.

Bike path on Airport Road

"I'm calling about the bike trail on Airport Road to see if anybody is going to do anything about it.

I walk that every night pushing a baby stroller and my daughter rides her bike on it.

Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Palm Tran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes only.

High school credit classes for students who need to make up failed courses will also be in session. Call 993-4404 for more information.

Seniors invited

Senior participants are needed at the West County Senior Center. They would like to start or try to start a group called Relationship every Thursday, mid-day 11 a.m. till noon.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event. This group deals with positive thinking, self esteem, self analysis, aging, and all the factors involved in growth.

Because of the way it leans towards the canal my little girl is scared to ride on that.

I just want to know if the city plans to do anything to fix this for the children who live in this area."

More on bike path

"I'd like to bring up a point. I've recently noticed that there's a lot of sidewalk repair going around in the City of Belle Glade. I believe there was an article a while back about the sidewalk around Airport Road and I haven't seen a response to it.

Recently, my child was on his bicycle and it's on training wheels (and they are adjusted properly) but due to the slant on that sidewalk, he was continually falling off his bike.

He was having to lean over to keep from falling.

I'm curious as to whether anybody is going to do anything to repair that sidewalk.

If at all possible, if I could get a response, I'd appreciate it. If this is city property or if this is county property, if you could tell us who we need to go to get this sidewalk repaired properly."

Editor's note: This is a county road. You can direct your questions to Donnie Jackson at 996-1663.

For more information call 996-4808.

Children welcome

PEPPI Head Start is accepting applications for three and four year old children into their day care program.

The service is free and children with disabilities are welcomed. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

Class meeting

The 1991 graduates of Pahokee Junior/Senior High School will have another meeting to plan their 10-year class reunion. The meeting will be Sunday, July 16 at 6 p.m. at the home of Lewanda Everett, 331 East Second Street, Pahokee. For more information, contact Ms. Everett or Cheiktha Hogan-Daniels.

obstructing justice.

July 9 - No arrests made.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 182 complaints, gave 13 traffic citations and made 14 arrests the week of July 3-9. Those arrested included:

July 3 - Cheiktha Hogan, 26, domestic battery; William Daniels, 24, domestic battery.

July 4 - Ulysses Warren, 62, burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia; Juvenile, 17, battery in a detention facility and inciting a riot; Jose Gonzalez, 27, burglary, grand theft and possession of cocaine; Juvenile, 16, domestic battery; Brenda Cleveland, 33, domestic aggravated assault; Franklin Washington, 28, domestic battery.

July 5 and 6 - No arrests made.

July 7 - Augustine Rojas, 21, warrant for failure to appear; Horacio Cordova, 25, driving while under the influence.

July 8 - Juvenile, 14, retail theft; Alvin Walker, 51, aggravated stalking.

July 9 - Angela Bonaparte, 35, warrant; Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery and simple battery.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of July 4-10. Those arrested included:

July 4 - Joseph McCants, 35, Capital Point, simple battery domestic.

July 5 - William G. Watkins, 48, of Pahokee, domestic battery; Alfredo Arriola, 46, of Pahokee, felony driving while license suspended.

July 8 - William John Miller, 58, Clewiston, DUI.

July 9 - Willie James Johnson, 31, Pahokee, domestic battery; Juvenile, 17, Belle Glade, trespassing; James Warren, 23, Belle Glade, trespassing; Johnny B. Rumph, 18, Belle Glade, trespassing; Frank Smith, 18, Belle Glade, trespassing.

July 10 - Angela Anderson, 33, Pahokee, aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

First month of hurricane season is quiet



Mike Lyons

So far, so good. The first month of the 2000 hurricane season was quiet. Two tropical depressions did form during June—the first in the Gulf of Mexico and the second in the eastern Atlantic—but neither developed into a tropical storm. That's not too surprising since June tends to be a very quiet month in the tropics. In fact, June has fewer hurricanes than November.

July is relatively calm, too. From 1886 to 1999, just 38 hurricanes formed during the month of July.

August, September and October, on the other hand, are traditionally the busiest period of the hurricane season. Since 1886, 477 hurricanes have formed during those three months.

The vast majority of the major hurricanes—storms with sustained winds of 111 mph—also develop during August, September and October. These are the storms we all know on a first-name basis—names like

Floyd, Mitch, Fran and Andrew.

In recent years, it seems we've gotten to know a lot of major hurricanes. From 1995 to 1999, 20 major hurricanes formed in the tropical Atlantic, double the normal amount.

One of the nation's top hurricane experts thinks he knows why so many big storms have formed in recent years. Dr. William Gray of Colorado State University believes major hurricane activity runs in cycles, and he's convinced that a very active cycle is currently underway.

Even more ominous, Gray thinks this period of higher-than-normal activity is likely to continue for many more years, perhaps through the first two decades of the 21st century.

Gray says these cycles seem to run in 30-year periods. From 1946 to 1965, for example, 68 major hurricanes formed in the tropical Atlantic. The next twenty years saw far fewer major storms—just 36.

What produces these cycles of hurricane activity? Gray is convinced the answer is found in the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

In the past five years, those waters have been much warmer than the preceding five years. This shift in sea surface temperature—produced by what Gray calls the Atlantic Ocean thermohaline circulation—has helped to produce the higher-

than-average number of major hurricanes.

"Such changes in Atlantic multi-decadal thermohaline circulation shifts appear to occur in periods of 25-50 years," Gray said. "If this interpretation is correct, then increased Atlantic basin major hurricane activity may be expected to persist through the early decades of the 21st century."

And with more hurricanes wandering the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, comes the possibility of more hurricanes making landfall in the United States.

The last 10 years are a good example. From 1990 to 1994, eight tropical storms/hurricanes struck the U.S. coastline. But during the latter half of the 1990s, 21 tropical storms/hurricanes hit the United States.

Florida has undergone an explosion of development and population since the last active hurricane cycle in the 1940s. Since major hurricanes produce 80 percent of all hurricane damage, Gray says if the current active cycle continues, it could mean big problems for Florida and other coastal communities.

By the way, Gray is predicting four major hurricanes will form this year, most likely during August, September or October. (Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

CRIME STOPPERS



Derek Anthony Tolbert

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Derek Anthony Tolbert, who is wanted for burglary of a dwelling and battery.

He is also wanted for violation of probation on an injunction.

Tolbert is a black male, 6'4" tall, and weighs 235 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is March 1, 1973.

His last known address was 100 East Aztec, Apt. 4, Clewiston. His last job was at Everglades Sugar Corporation. His warrant was active as of July 3, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Derek Anthony Tolbert, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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Sports this week

Dixie Youth baseball teams end season at District 9 tournament

By Ken Beck

Belle Glades' Dixie Youth baseball teams ended their season last weekend, falling in District 9 tournament action.

The Belle Glade AAA team (9-10-year-olds) dropped their first game 11-1 to the Okeechobee American team after sitting through two long rain delays on Friday night and having to finish the game on Saturday morning.

The AAA all-stars then faced Clewiston Saturday night, losing by a score of 15-3.

Members of the AAA All-Stars were Richard Christmas, Kevin Royal, Adrian Cavazos, Cesar Hernandez Jr., Caleb Duff, Tanner Miller, Coleman Sample, Willie Hautstead and Arlie Garrido.

The 14-year-old Dixie Boys team from Belle Glade also had to deal with the rain Friday night and return Saturday morning. They played a strong game against

Clewiston, finally losing by a score of 6-3.

The Dixie Boys team returned Sunday night to face the Okeechobee team for the opportunity to face Okeechobee in the finals, but fell by a score of 11-5 to close out their season.

The team fell behind early by a score of 3-0 after three innings and were down 7-2 going into the bottom of the fifth when a two-run, two-out double by Manny Ceniceros sparked a rally to pull them within three at 7-4. They were unable to hold the opposing team on defense, allowing three runs in the top of the sixth.

Earlier in the week, the Belle Glade Dixie Majors team (15-16-year-olds) battled the arch-rival Moore Haven Glades Electric team for the District title and a trip to State.

Monday night, pitcher Ryan Woodward lost a well-pitched

duel with Moore Haven's Kyle Hough by a score of 2-1.

After a Wednesday night rainout, the two teams went at it again Thursday night, and did not disappoint the crowd.

Belle Glade took advantage of a misplayed fly ball to score five runs in the third inning. Another run in the fourth increased their lead to 6-1 going into the bottom of the fifth inning.

Moore Haven began to come back at that point, scoring three runs to cut the deficit to 6-3.

Belle Glade added another run in the sixth, and took a 7-3 lead into the bottom of the sixth, but were unable to hold it allowing five runs in that half-inning to fall behind 8-7.

Moore Haven set the Belle Glade team down in the top of the seventh to preserve the come-from-behind win and secure a trip to State.



Belle Glade fans had little to cheer about the first night of action at the District 9 Dixie Youth Baseball tournament in Okeechobee as both games involving local teams were rained out. Their spirits were not totally dampened, however, as the local kids gave them some opportunity to cheer before the long drive home.

Rule changes for disabled person's hunting and fishing licenses

A new law goes into effect July 1, detailing qualifications for free hunting and fishing licenses for disabled Florida residents.

In order to qualify for the licenses, applicants will need to provide a certification of total and permanent disability from the United States Armed Forces or the United States Veterans Administration. Alternatively, a Notice of Award from the Social Security Administration for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Supplemental Security Disability Income

(SSDI) Benefits will also be accepted. Previously, a certification from a licensed medical doctor in Florida was accepted in order to qualify for the license, but that provision no longer applies.

Susan Weaver, chief of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC's) Bureau of Licensing and Permitting, said the Florida Legislature enacted the change because the guidelines given to the physicians only allowed them to qualify an individual for the no-cost license if the condition was

the result of catastrophic injury.

"If you lost a leg in a traffic accident, a doctor could qualify you to receive the no-cost hunting and fishing license," Ms. Weaver said, "but if you lost a leg as the result of something like diabetes, a doctor could not qualify you."

Under the new law, she said, certification for the free license will be more uniform and will be more closely tied to loss of ability to earn income.

Another provision of the law, is that all disability license

issued prior to July 1, 1997 will become invalid July 1. This will include anyone who received the yellow card.

Affected individuals may reapply under the new guidelines if they meet the new requirements.

Applications for these license are available from the local county tax collectors' offices.

Anita Perkins qualifies for USATF National Junior Olympics

Anita Perkins, a member of the Glades Track Club and Glades Central High School track team has qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympics and will compete at the University of Buffalo in Amherst, N.Y. July 25-30.

Anita qualified in the intermediate girls division for 15-16 year olds by earning three gold medals and one silver during the Florida Sunshine State Games at the University of Florida in Gainesville July 8.

Anita earned a gold medal in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:08.41, a gold medal in the 100 meter hurdles in 16.06, a gold medal in the high jump with a jump of 4'8" and took home the silver medal in the long jump, with a 16'2 1/2 jump.



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